**ITEM No:** 

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

10 MAY 2006

#### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

# <u>ASPLEY WOMEN'S GROUP - APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID FROM WEST AREA COMMITTEE</u>

## 1. SUMMARY

#### Committee is requested to consider:

An application from Aspley Women's Group for funding from the West Area Committee budget. Details of this request are given in the attached appendix.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. It is recommended that Area Committee approve a grant of £4,401 to Aspley Women's Group as a contribution towards a community cook book project. This grant will be charged against the West Area Committee budget for 2006/2007.
- 2.2. It is recommended that this grant be conditional upon the group successfully registering with the Single Gateway Unit.

### 3. BACKGROUND

Aspley Women's Group was established in 1997 in order to provide support to women with mental health problems living in the Aspley Area. The group offers learning opportunities, arts and craft sessions, cookery and food sessions, allotment gardening and social activities.

#### 4. PROPOSALS

Aspley Women's Group has submitted an application for funding for £4,401 from Area Committee to carry out a community cook book project. Funding would be a contribution towards rent, crèche facilities, publishing costs, food items, equipment, seeds and plants and 5 health and safety courses.

#### 5. TIMESCALE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS

All one-off grants awarded to voluntary organisations must be spent within six months of the date of approval. This condition is set out in the Terms and Conditions of Grant Aid.

### 6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Subject to approval, the one-off grant of £4,401 to Aspley Women's Group can be met from the £28,599 Aspley Ward's Share of the overall £101,989 uncommitted balance for the West Area Committee. This figure does not include the effect of any other requests for allocations elsewhere on this agenda, but does include the £54,000 allocated to the West Area Committee from the City Council's 2006/7 revenue account.

#### 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The City Council has the power to incur the expenditure under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.

## 8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

All groups receiving grant aid funding from the City Council are expected to adopt equal opportunities procedures in relation to their management, employment practices and service delivery.

## 9. STRATEGIC AIMS

Aspley Women's Group - This grant conforms to the corporate objectives of health and well being.

## 10. BEST VALUE

All grant applications are assessed against set criteria which are intended to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of grant aid allocations.

## 11. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

Application from Aspley Women's Group, dated 27th March 2006.

#### 12. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None

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#### APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE WEST AREA COMMITTEE

Name of Organisation	Objects of Organisation	Funding requested for:-	Amount	Annual Income / Expenditure	Applications to / contributions from others	Remarks	Recommendations
Aspley Women's Group  Aspley Medical Centre 509 Aspley Lane Nottingham NG8 5RU	Provide a meeting place in Aspley for local women to meet and help tackle emotional problems.  Monthly programme of activities including education, support, social meetings and fundraising.	Contribution towards (a 6 month period): Hall rent Creche Publishing costs Food items Equipment 5 food & hygiene courses. Seeds & plants for allotments. Total project costs Total requested from Area Committee	£416 £1,300 £2,000 £260 £100 £225 £100 £4,401 £4,401  Members are asked to note that there is no other suitable City Council funding source for crèche facilities.	Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2005.  Income £2,061 Expenditure £3,485 Profit/Loss £(1,424) Reserves £544	None	Aspley Women's Group was established in 1997 in order to provide local support to women in the Aspley Area with mental health problems. The group offers learning opportunities, arts and craft sessions, cookery and food sessions, allotment gardening and social activities.  The group are hoping to create a community cook book project where group members will work together to produce a community recipe book for distribution in the Aspley area. The project will involve 10-15 women, who will buy, plant and grow their own produce. The group will cook the produce and create healthy, easy to prepare recipes. The group will then work together selecting recipes and creating artwork for a recipe book that will then be published. The main aims of the project are to:  Improve health and well being of those involved in the project.  Increase the self-esteem and confidence of those involved in the project.  Improve the skills of those involved in the project.  Improve the skills of those involved in the project.  Work across cultures and generations.  Create a cookbook that can be made available to the whole community.  The completed recipe book will be launched at a community event in Aspley in December 2006 where the recipes will be prepared for local people to taste.  Aspley Women's Group has stated that the recipe book may be sold but that any income generated would be used by the group to fund future cooking and nutrition sessions.	It is recommended that Area Committee approve a grant of £4,401 to Aspley Women's Group towards community cook book project. The cost of the grant will be met from the West Area Committee budget 2006/2007.  It is recommended that this grant be conditional upon the group successfully registering with the Single Gateway Unit.